

- Hello and welcome to the EPA's public webinar featuring a summary of EPA's New Approach Methods Work Plan.
- On June 23, EPA released the New Approach Methods Work Plan for reducing the use of mammals in chemical testing.
- Today, we are excited to provide you an overview of this plan and to summarize next steps.
- This work plan was created in response to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler's ambitious 2019 directive to prioritize agency efforts and resources toward activities that will reduce the use of animal testing while still protecting human health and the environment.
- The goals outlined in his directive were threefold:
  - Reduce requests for, and funding of, mammalian studies by 30 percent by 2025;
  - Eliminate all mammalian study requests and funding by 2035; and
  - Come as close as possible to excluding from agency approval processes any reliance on mammalian studies conducted after January 1, 2035, including those performed by third parties.
- The NAM Work Plan lays out the objectives and strategies to achieve these ambitious goals.
- I would like to thank the experts across the agency for their hard work and dedication toward developing this plan.
- I would also like to thank all our partners and stakeholders who participated and shared their valuable insights and feedback during our New Approach Methods conference last year.